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CHINESE ESTABLISH NEW LOGGING CITY
AND EXTEND RAILWAY IN GREATER KHINGAN RANGE

[Summary: T'u-li-ho is a new logging city, established in the heart of the Greater Khingan Range. Surveys have been completed and work will begin in 1954 on the extension of a logging railway to make available the timber resources in this range of mountains.

Lumber production has increased in Anhwei Province.

A modern furniture factory is being built at Han-yang.

A popular movement for afforestation does effective work in the valleys of the Yangtze, Chu, and Min rivers.]

NEW LOGGING CITY BUILT IN GREATER KHINGAN RANGE -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 3 Apr 54

T'u-li-ho is a new city, established at an elevation of 1,400 meters, in the heart of the Greater Khingan Range. Two years ago, this section was a virgin forest, infested by wild animals. Surrounded by hills, it is situated beside the T'u-li Ho, from which it derives its name.

New buildings line the streets, consisting of offices, shops, a school, and a hospital. Two hundred children attend school. The hospital for loggers has more than 80 medical workers. Patients will soon be moved to a new hospital building containing 120 beds, constructed on the east bank of the river. It will have such modern equipment as X-ray machines, sun lamps, and electric refrigerators.

LOGGING RAILWAY LINE TO BE EXTENDED -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 1 Feb 54

The Peiping daily newspaper, Jen-min Jih-pao, dated 9 January, has reported that the 11th Survey and Construction Unit of the Ministry of Railways has completed its survey for the construction of an extension of the Ya-lin logging rail line which runs from Ya-k'o-shih to the Greater Khingan Range. The extension is the T'u-ken section, from the T'u-li Ho to the Ken Ho.

The northern part of the Greater Khingan Range has 4,520,000 hectares of forests, containing more than 390 million cubic meters of timber.

When through traffic is established with the section already completed, the K'u-t'u section from K'u-tu-lu-er' to the T'u-li Ho, there will be a logging railway over 100 kilometers long. This will make possible the development of logging in this virgin forest.

Construction plans for the T'u-ken section have been completed and preparations are being made for actual building. Work will begin this year (1954).

MODERN FURNITURE FACTORY BEING BUILT AT HAN-YANG -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 20 Feb 54

Han-yang, Lupeh Province, is one of the lumber distributing centers for Central-South China. A modern furniture factory with floor space of 138,000 square meters is being built there. All kinds of electrically operated machines, 70 in all, will be installed there. In the case of such shops as the door-frames and window-frames shop, as well as the furniture shop, 80 percent of the operation will be done by machinery and only 20 percent, by hand. In comparison with hand labor used exclusively, this increases production from four to 30 times.

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Work on this plant started in July 1953. Most of the basic work has been completed, and machinery has already been installed.

AFFORESTATION ALONG YANGTZE, CHU, AND MIN -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 19 Feb 54

A spring afforestation movement flourishes along the extensive areas in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River and in the valleys of the Chu Chiang and Min Chiang. It is a popular movement, inspired by the people's desire to guarantee lumber for the nation's construction needs over a long period.

The warm climate and abundant rainfall of this region are conducive to the growth of such lumber-producing trees as the pine and the eucalyptus. Twenty or 30 years after shoots are planted, the trees will be fully grown, and lumbering can begin.

ANHWEI PROVINCE FOREST AREAS TO BE SURVEYED -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 15 Feb 54

The Forestry Office of the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry of the Anhwei Provincial People's Government has very recently organized a team to survey the forest resources of the province; the team is beginning its work in the Ta Pi Shan area. Anhwei Province is rich in forest resources, especially the Hui-chou Special Administrative District.

In response to the nation's need for lumber for construction work, timber production has gradually increased. In 1951, lumber production was 50 percent higher than the highest level before liberation, and production for 1952 was 41.6 percent better than the 1951 figure.

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